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For: METHODS OF PREVENTING AND  
TREATING RESPIRATORY VIRAL  
INFECTION USING  
IMMUNOMODULATORY  
POLYNUCLEOTIDE SEQUENCES

Examiner: T. Brown

**AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

MS Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

This is in response to the non-final Office Action dated October 18, 2005 (Paper No. 20051015), for which a response was due on January 18, 2006. Filed herewith is a Petition and fee for a two months extension of time, thereby extending the deadline for response to March 18, 2006 (which fell on a Saturday). Accordingly, this response is timely filed. Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims, as amended, in light of the remarks presented herein are respectfully requested.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 5 of this paper.